



# *Quick Reads*

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## **CHNA & HIP progress reports**

In June 2014, counties submitted their annual progress reports for their Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Plans (CHNA/HIP). These reports help track progress in achieving improvement goals and strategies. Selections from the reports highlight some of the innovations and partnerships being undertaken across the state. The [FY2014 CHNA & HIP progress reports](#) show key accomplishments and innovations in each county. Both reports may assist IDPH staff, local public health agencies and their partners to share ideas about how communities can help everyone enjoy optimum health.

## **Iowa sexual violence prevention a national model**

The [CDC National Center for Injury Prevention & Control Division of Violence Prevention](#) is calling IDPH's [Sexual Violence Prevention Program](#) a strong model for other states. The Iowa model involves statewide efforts guided by IDPH in collaboration with state and local sexual assault experts. IDPH regularly monitors data on sexual violence and uses it to make changes to the [state plan](#) and integrates sexual violence prevention across the department, including adolescent health, STD/HIV, and women's/reproductive health programs.

Iowa uses a strategy called [Mentors in Violence Prevention](#) (MVP) that engages young men to be active participants in sexual violence prevention. The University of Northern Iowa and Grinnell College are two examples of this successful program.

## **Healthiest State Walk**

The fourth annual [Healthiest State Walk](#) is next month and I encourage all our staff and partners to participate. To take part, simply walk at least one kilometer (.62 miles or roughly 12 minutes) on October 8. It's hoped you will [register](#) to participate in a group walk or to walk as an individual. More than 300,000 Iowans participated in each of the three previous Healthiest State Walks. Let's beat the number this year! I'll be walking with IDPH staff, along with Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds at the Capitol Complex.

## **Quality Improvement Success**

A 12-month QI initiative was implemented at the [Siouxland Community Health Center](#) to increase the percentage of time sheets that accurately correspond to service units entered in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Services [CAREWare](#) database. Three-month results show an increase from 15 to 75 percent accuracy.

## **Congrats and kudos**

Leo Wardrobe of the IDPH [Radioactive Materials Program](#) has completed all [NRC](#) training courses – a two-year, intensive process reflective of our high level of technical capabilities in the program. Congratulations, Leo!

Iowa has been recognized as the first state to have adopted the NRC [10 CFR 37](#) regulations. Iowa is also the only state to complete the rulemaking process without needing to submit additional information or respond to NRC comments. This is an exceptional achievement and is a direct result of the radioactive materials program staff's attention to detail and their efforts to keep the rules moving through the rulemaking process.

IDPH received the [Gold Award](#) for Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication from the [National Public Health Information Coalition](#) (NPHIC) for communications efforts during the 2013 Cyclospora outbreak.

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*To everyone in public health and all our partners, keep up the great work!*

— Gerd

